

FLAGS AND YOUR UT EDUCATION

WHAT ARE FLAGS?

The Flag requirements at UT Austin are an innovative feature of all undergraduate degrees. The Flags provide students with a true university experience, pushing them to explore many facets of UT Austin, while also acquiring a common set of skills and experiences that will help them beyond the classroom.



Throughout your UT coursework, you will earn Flags in the following six areas:



Cultural Diversity (1 course)

- Underrepresented cultural groups in the US
- Minimum 1/3 of course grade



Ethics (1 course)

- Identify ethical issues and apply ethical reasoning to real-world situations
- Minimum 1/3 of course grade



Global Cultures (1 course)

- In-depth examination of non-US communities
- Minimum 1/3 of course grade



Writing (2 or 3 courses, depends on degree plan)

- Regular opportunities for substantial writing
- Students revise work based on instructor feedback
- Minimum 1/3 of course grade



Independent Inquiry (1 course)

- Independent investigation and presentation of own work
- Student is engaged in the process of inquiry over the course of the semester
- Minimum 1/3 of course grade



Quantitative Reasoning (1 course)

- Student applies quantitative skills to problems related to their everyday life or future profession
- Student engages in understanding the reasoning underlying the quantitative concepts in the course
- Minimum 1/2 of course grade

WHY FLAGS?

"When hiring, executives and hiring managers place a high priority on graduates' demonstrated proficiency in skills and knowledge that cut across majors . . . The college learning outcomes that both audiences rate as most important include oral communication, critical thinking, ethical judgment, working effectively in teams, working independently, self motivation, written communication, and real-world application of skills and knowledge." —Hart Research Associates, 2015

FLAG PETITIONS

Flags are designed to be taken in-residence at UT Austin; however, courses taken prior to your first enrollment at UT can be petitioned for flag credit.

ADDITIONAL FLAG GUIDELINES

- Transfer courses **do not automatically satisfy Flag requirements**—even when UT equivalents are flagged.
- Students graduating under the 2018–2020 catalog or any subsequent catalog may not receive Flag credit for courses taken at another institution concurrent with or subsequent to their first semester enrolled at UT Austin.
- Dual credit (courses taken prior to high school graduation), AP, Pass/Fail, and courses of less than three weeks are not eligible.

FLAGS CHECKLIST

☒ MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR

Meeting with your advisor early and often helps you figure out what courses most interest you and fit your degree plan.

☒ FIND WHERE FLAGS FIT IN

Flags are designed to fit into each undergraduate degree plan. Some course can satisfy both your Core and/or degree requirements.

☒ MEET WITH A FLAGS ADVISOR

If you need guidance on flagged course, Flag criteria, petitions, or anything else Flags related, we're here to help.

☒ CONTINUALLY CHECK YOUR INTERACTIVE DEGREE AUDIT THROUGH YOUR UT DIRECT PAGE

Your Interactive Degree Audit is a snapshot of coursework that's already completed, in progress, and planned for the future. It also provides you with an estimate of your status in meeting degree requirements. It will keep track of your flagged courses.

QUESTIONS?

Find more information at ugs.utexas.edu/flags

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